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Czarist Glitter 'Spy Swap' Sealed With

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WASHINGTON The story

of how Francis Gary Powers was exchanged for Col. Rudolf I. Abel in the celebrated "spy-swap" may sound like an E. Phillips Oppenheim novel, but there was one moment when it was more like a scene from old Czarist days.

That was when James B. Donovan, the New York attorney who secretly negotiated the exchange, had his final meeting with Soviet officials at their embassy in East Berlin.

There were no cloaks or daggers in evidence. There was, instead, a glittering scene complete with smiling diplomats, frosted bottles of champagne, mountains of caviar and blazing chandeliers. Donovan was toasted like a king and the Cold War seemed forgotten.

This incongruous episode probably will be part of the full story of his activities that Donovan has contracted to write for the Saturday Evening Post.

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